

As a station using public airwaves to reach viewers, Channel 62, the Sinclair-owned television station serving the Kansas City area has an obligation serve the public. If it were a station available only to paid subscribers as are non-local cable or satellite channels, Channel 62 would have no obligation to attend to political fairness in airing the views of the station owner.

Requiring stations they own to replace non-political programming with programming designed to influence voters without equivalent programming to balance that view is not, in my opinion, an appropriate use of public airwaves. In order to view Farenheit 9/11, a "documentary" that I understand reflects poorly on President Bush just as the proposed video is supposed to reflect poorly on Senator Kerry, viewers have to pay money for a theater ticket, rent the video version, (possibly) rent it on a pay-for-view station, or somehow make an effort and spend money to view it. I would guess that both of these "documentaries" are extremely biased, misleading concerning the targets of their

video editorials, and designed to influence public opinion. If Sinclair were pre-empting regular programming to air Farenheit 9/11, I think most reasonable adults would still find it reprehensible to use public airwaves to deliver a biased message. I agree with those who have asked the FCC either to cause Sinclair to delay the broadcast of "Stolen Honor" until after the November 2 election or to allow the Kerry campaign to air a documentary of its choosing sans commercials and in a comparable, desirable time slot before the election if "Stolen Honor" is aired.